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*Kansas quarantines against Kay County, Okla., on account of smallpox.*TOPEKA, KANS., *January 19, 1900.*

SIR: It becomes my duty to inform you that the Kansas State board of health has ordered a quarantine against Kay County, Okla.; also against the cities of South McAlester, Wagoner, and Muscogee, Ind. T. I have positive information from reliable sources that there are from 400 to 600 cases of smallpox in Kay County, Okla. It seems to me a condition exists in said county which would warrant the Service in sending assistance into that Territory. I believe, so far as smallpox is concerned, it is the worst infected county in the United States. A number of towns and cities in Kansas have already been infected with smallpox from this Territory. Since my last report to you smallpox has appeared in the following places which have been infected from Kay County, Okla., viz: Arkansas City, Winfield, Wellington, Wichita, and Newton. Inclosed herewith you will find copy of proclamation issued by our State board of health concerning this epidemic in Kay County, Okla.

Respectfully,

W. B. SWAN,  
*Secretary.*

[Inclosure.]

## SMALLPOX PROCLAMATION.

*To whom it may concern:*

Whereas, it appears that the disease of smallpox, the same being an infectious or contagious disease, is now prevalent all over Kay County, Okla., which is immediately south of the southern line of Kansas, and,

Whereas, there is great danger of the citizens of the State of Kansas, and especially the citizens of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper counties of said State, by reason of their railroad connections and proximity, becoming exposed and liable to become sick with said infectious or contagious disease, by coming in contact with persons from said infected district, by reason of such exposure,

Now, therefore, the State board of health of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority in it, vested by law, do hereby declare and proclaim that said counties of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper and the State of Kansas shall be and are from this date declared under quarantine against said infected district, for a period of thirty days, and all rules and orders to carry out and rigidly enforce this proclamation must be strictly obeyed as long as the same shall be in force.

And this proclamation shall apply to any and all persons passing to or through said infected district, or traveling to or through said infected district, by carriage, wagon, horseback, or otherwise, and all such persons are hereby prohibited from entering said counties of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper, and also the State of Kansas, and any and all persons in said counties and State are hereby prohibited from going to or through said infected district, and returning into said counties and State, until this quarantine shall have been raised.

And any person or corporation owning, occupying or controlling any house, building, dwelling, premises or places, of whatsoever kind, or any railway train, passenger coach or other public vehicle or conveyance, who shall violate or refuse to obey any of the rules, regulations, or orders of said Board, when duly made and published, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum of not more than \$500 for each offense, or be confined in the county jail for a period of thirty days or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

And also, all mail and packages, from said infected district, shall be thoroughly purified and disinfected before the same shall be transported into said counties and State for distribution.

The sheriffs of Cowley, Sumner, and Harper counties, Kansas, are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to carry out and enforce this proclamation.

Dated at the City of Topeka, Kansas, January 18, A. D., 1900.

[SEAL.]

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